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**2001 Wisconsin Act 89 – Important
Information for Licensed Perfusionists**

2001 Wisconsin Act 89 created a license for perfusionists, established the Perfusionists Examining Council, set the license renewal date and application fee, and authorized the Medical Examining Board to write rules implementing the provisions of the Act. It was effective on May 3, 2003. The rules were effective on April 1, 2004. The following is a summary of the major provisions of the Act and the Rules.

- The requirements for licensure include: a completed application form; a \$56 fee, due by November 1 of odd-numbered years; proof of completion of an educational program in perfusion recognized by the Board and accredited by the Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs; written verification that the applicant has passed the basic science and clinical application examinations of the American Board of Cardiovascular

Perfusion; evidence of successful completion of the state board statutes and rules examination and an oral examination, if required

- If all requirements for licensure are met except that neither the basic science nor the clinical application examinations have been taken, a temporary license may be granted.
- Practice during the period of a temporary license must be under the general supervision of a licensed perfusionist. The temporary licensee must consult at least weekly with the supervising perfusionist. The supervising perfusionist must endorse the activities of the temporary licensee.
- In the event the basic scientific examination is failed within the one year temporary license period, the temporary licensee must work under the direct supervision of a perfusionist who is available on the hospital premises to assist.

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- The temporary license expires one year from the date it is issued or upon failure of the clinical examination, whichever occurs first. It may be renewed for one year upon passage of the basic scientific examination. A six month extension for reasons of hardship may be granted for specific reasons, at the discretion of the Board.
- A locum tenens license may be granted for 90 days. It may be renewed up to three consecutive times for 90 days if cause is shown to the satisfaction of the Board.
- § 22.09 MED of the Administrative Code lists the functions included in the scope of practice of perfusion.
- All licensees must certify completion of 30 acceptable continuing education units when they renew their license.
- Acceptable continuing education activities are divided into categories at § 22.10 (4) MED of the Administrative Code. At least 10 CE units must be completed in Category I activities.
- Category I activities are certain meetings approved by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) and related activity. Category II activities include certain meetings not approved by the ABCP and other medical meetings. Category III activities involve individual education and other self-study.
- Attendance at required continuing education must be certified by applicants at the time license is renewed.
- The Board may conduct a random audit for compliance with CE activities.

Obtain a copy of the new statute and rules by visiting the Department's web site at <http://drl.wi.gov>

Blue License Change – Memorandum from the Credentialing Division

On April 1st, changes were made to the traditional blue licenses. Now the actual license occupies the bottom third of a full-size sheet of paper. It will have horizontal and vertical perforations so that it can be removed from the rest of the sheet. While the sizing is a bit different for the larger part of the license, it retains a similar shape, and the wallet card is identical to the old card.

The advantages to the new form are:

- DRL can use regular laser printers and won't need to maintain its obsolete continuous-feed printer.
- There are several security features in the actual license, including a watermark on the back and some invisible fibers.
- DRL now has the ability to print one mailing address at the top of the form and a physical address on the actual license which will accommodate those situations where establishments can't get mail at the physical location.
- Finally, the new license allows for more efficient processing at the Department of Administration.

For questions or comments on the new license, contact Cathy Pond, Administrator, Division of Credentialing, at (608) 266-0557.

Wisconsin Perfusionist Licensing Statistics

Instate/Active.....	81
Instate/Inactive	0
Out of State/Active	0
Out of State/Inactive.....	0

Department Unveils New Website

The Department website has been redesigned to provide you with more convenient access to a wide range of electronic services. The new site offers current and historical information that is important to you, other professionals, and consumers.

All professions will be listed on the home page and "Quick Links" will provide you with direct access to information specific to your

needs. The new website offers access to license application forms, statutes, and administrative codes.

New and enhanced electronic services include online license renewals for most professions, an online address change service for licensees, and access to application status for license candidates. Consumers can find online reports of disciplinary actions and information about the consumer complaint process.

In the future, many publications will be posted on the website rather than mailed.

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To check the status of a pending application:	press 1 - 2
To discuss application questions:	press 1 - 3
To discuss temporary license questions:	press 1 - 3
To renew or reinstate a permanent license:	press 1 - 4
To renew or reinstate a permanent license:	press 2 - 1
To renew a temporary license:	press 2 - 2
To obtain proof of licensure to another state:	press 3 - 1
To find out if a person is licensed:	press 3 - 2
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To check the status of complaints:	press 8
For all other licensing questions:	press 1 - 3

VERIFICATIONS

Verifications are now available online at <http://drl.wi.gov>. On the Department Web site, please click on "License Lookup". If you do not use the online system, all requests for verification of licenses/credentials must be submitted in writing. There is no charge for this service. Requests should be sent to the Department address or may be faxed to (608) 261-7083 - ATTENTION: VERIFICATIONS. Requests for endorsements to other states must be made in writing – please include \$10 payable to the Department.

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WISCONSIN STATUTES AND CODE

Copies of the Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code relating to Physical Therapists can be ordered through the Department. Include your name, address, county and a check payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in the amount of \$5.28.